

PRESS RELEASE

July 13, 2006

RE: UNITED STATES v. ALEX PREISCH

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn and Niagara County District Attorney Matthew J. Murphy, III, jointly announced today a federal grand jury, sitting in Buffalo, New York, had returned a two-count Indictment, charging ALEX PREISCH, age 25, of 1344 North Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York, in the first count of the Indictment, with unlawfully and knowingly possessing a firearm, in that he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1). The second count in the Indictment charges the defendant with unlawfully and knowingly possessing a firearm, from which the manufacturer's serial number had been removed and obliterated, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(k). The first count is punishable by a maximum period of incarceration of 10 years, or a fine of \$250,000, or both, while the second count is punishable by a maximum period of incarceration of five years, or a fine of \$250,000, or both. It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. **(Disciplinary Rule -107(B)(6)).**

The investigation was conducted by members of the New York State Parole Department, assisted by members of the Niagara Falls Police Department, and by Special Agents of the

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives from the Buffalo Field Office. Prosecution of this case will be handled by Assistant United States Attorney Maigret.